

DIARY NOTES

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15 November 1963

1. Heinz Abersfeller, Administrator of Region 3, GSA, telephoned to say that he and Bob Daly had seen Mr. Boutin about our proposal for downtown office space. Mr. Boutin saw no objection provided we would pick up the tab. Abersfeller said that Congressman Albert Thomas of their Appropriations Subcommittee always forces them to absorb the cost of any new leases, and they have no place to absorb it except by reducing cleaning and guard forces. I said that I thought we would have to sort this out with the Bureau of the Budget but that I would take a reading here and be in touch with him. (See my Memorandum of Conversation.) H

2. Larry Houston buzzed to say that he would be glad to send the Director a note in response to the latter's query this morning regarding the extent to which we checked to see that our employees complied with their income tax obligations.

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3. [REDACTED] both tipped me off that the Director was not satisfied with our communications paper. He has given General Carter a memorandum asking that certain specific questions be answered, and I have referred this to the Office of Communications. H

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4. Jim Garrison telephoned to inquire as to whether I had approved of a proposal by [REDACTED] to lease a translating machine from [REDACTED]. I told him that it had been some months since we discussed this but that as I remember it proposals were solicited from [REDACTED] and that we had decided that [REDACTED] would be more advantageous to the Agency. I asked him, however, that before proceeding further he get in touch with Joe and find out firsthand just what happened. 25X1A5a1

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5. Emmett Echols telephoned to say that [REDACTED] had suggested that the Personnel Recruitment Division accept 1300 square feet of vacant space in the [REDACTED]. I approved.

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6. [REDACTED] buzzed to check up on what the Office of Security was doing about [REDACTED] trip to the [REDACTED]. I assured him that Bob Bannerman had this in hand and had a definite plan to see [REDACTED] some-time soon although I could not remember the exact date. This was all the assurance that he sought.

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7. General Carter buzzed about the Director's desire that FAA Administrator Halaby not go to Moscow or, in the alternative, if he is going to go anyway that he be given a good security briefing prior to his departure. I told General Carter that I had alerted Bob Bannerman who was pulling together the necessary security information. He said that he would query the Director as to just what he wanted to do about this. (On Monday, 18 November, [REDACTED] called to say that the Director had decided that he did not wish to prevent Halaby from going to Moscow, but he wanted to make sure that he was given a first-rate, wire-brush briefing prior to his departure and that he carry either a diplomatic or special passport. Hank said that he would ask Mr. Kirkpatrick to call Mr. Halaby, and I have alerted Bob Bannerman to be prepared to give the necessary briefing at any time.)

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8. [REDACTED] complained mildly to me today about the Office of Training's removing the blackboards from the office space which they vacated. He said that they will now have to replace all the blackboards which they wanted anyway and would have been more than glad to have given the Office of Training the money to put up new ones in the [REDACTED]

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9. I attended a long meeting at which General Carter presided to discuss the national interest intercept program and the question of whether the Agency, NSA, or some combination thereof should undertake the new civilian operators program. There was a lack of any unanimity of opinion around the table. DD/P still does not want NSA to do this. John Bross, I believe, differs with the DD/P on this and as the problem was discussed it seemed to be the consensus that this new activity was covered better by NSCID 5 (Covert Collection of Information) than by anything else and therefore was something which the Agency could logically do. General Carter seemed to think that the Agency should go ahead and take on this whole project, fight the budget battle, and run it all by ourselves. I said that I disagreed with this, adding that, while theoretically this may be correct and theoretically the President has only one budget, in practice I thought it didn't work this way and feared that the Agency would take on a new and very expensive operation which would hurt other activities which are more near to the heart of the Agency. No decision was reached. General Carter said that he would like to think it over for a few more days.

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10. I attended a rather long meeting in General Carter's office to hear the DD/P appeal on Project [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] were there from DD/P, Matt Baird and I from DD/S, and Mr. Kirkpatrick and General Carter from the Director's office. The presentation made by the DD/P people was quite different from that made in their written project. The way

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that they put it, the training aspects of this project are incidental and purely for cover. The primary objective is to hold certain personnel assets which would be kept busy and at the same time be available to go anywhere in the world to work with rural police, etc. General Carter reserved judgment as to whether he would approve the project, but at the same time he made it emphatically clear that he expected all training, whether overt or covert, to be done or supervised by the Office of Training. DD/P said that they thoroughly understood and accepted this principle.

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11. After the meeting I asked Matt Baird and [REDACTED] to remain, and I asked Tom to give me some explanation of his recent conversation with General Carter about the organizational placement of the Office of Training. I said that I assumed if he advocated a change there must be some dissatisfaction with the service received from the Office of Training, and I would like to know about it. Tom said that this was not the case, that they were completely satisfied with what they were getting from the Office of Training, and that they advocated no change. He said that some DD/P people had suggested, however, that DD/P have its own training office, that he had mentioned it to Dick Helms, and at Dick's suggestion had mentioned it to General Carter but they thoroughly understood General Carter's policy and there had never been any serious talk along these lines.

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